

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that Non-Mysoreans are admitted though they are not on the waiting list in preference to those who are on the waiting list?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY.—I cannot commit myself to any answer.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Does this discrimination with regard to admission to the hospital, Mysorean and Non-Mysorean, Madras and Non-Madras, etc., exist in any other State?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY.—We will find out from the respective Governments as to what practice they are following.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not true that it is not a healthy practice?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is a matter of opinion.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡರು (ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ಷಯದ ರೋಗಿಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಚಂಗಲರಾಯರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹಿಂದಿಗಿಂತ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಹಿಂದೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಇದ್ದ ಕ್ಷಯರೋಗದ ಕೇಸುಗಳು ಈಗ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದು ನೋಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೇಸುಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ತೋರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡರು.—ತಾವು ಕೋಲಾರದ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಆ ಕಡೆ ಕ್ಷಯರೋಗ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಚಂಗಲರಾಯರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರು.—ತಂದಿದ್ದರು.

Discrepancies in Age of Gazetted Officers of Government.

*Q.—17. **Sri L. SIDDAPPA.** (Shimoga—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the names of Gazetted Officers of Government in whose case discrepancy is found in the age given by them or their guardians in Schools, Colleges or elsewhere and that furnished to Government;

(b) the names of officers in whose case after obtaining their explanation and further enquiry, the age furnished

by them to Government is found incorrect;

(c) the action taken by them against officers who have furnished incorrect age?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—(a), (b) and (c). It would not be in the public interest to disclose this information at present.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—For the entire question it is said that it would not be in the public interest to disclose the information at present. May I know what public interest suffers by giving information to this question?

***The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY.**—The Government are of the opinion that public interest will suffer by giving the information asked for at this stage.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Is it the arbitrary opinion of the Government that matters in this case?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY.—The opinion is based on very sound consideration.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Is it not an administrative matter about which the House is entitled to know some information.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY.—It may be deemed that this House is entitled to know it at the appropriate stage. Even that will have to be examined later on.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—At least regarding the action taken against officers whose cases are disposed of, where is any public interest or other interest suffering if you give the information?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAAYA REDDY.—There are not many cases which are disposed of by the Government; I think just three or four cases. But the decision taken by us in those cases are not entirely based on discrepancies disclosed in regard to correct age, but on certain other considerations also. No decision is yet taken in cases where incorrect age is furnished. They are still under consideration. So, it would not be proper at this stage to disclose the information.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—What is the stage at which the Government proposes to disclose the information?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I may take the House into confidence and say this much. There are about 227 or 272, I am not sure, cases where discrepancies are found. We have got to consider the basis on which we have to take a final decision on this question. It is a very important question which no previous administration had taken up. One or two cases were brought to the notice of the Government and we have decided to go into the general matter instead of going into those one or two cases. So, we issued a sort of a circular requesting the officers to give their correct dates of birth or redeclare the correct dates of birth. The whole thing is under examination. The officers gave the dates of birth, some of which tally and some do not tally. So, we have got to consider the whole question—with reference to either the horoscope or the baptism certificate or the date as entered in the Taluk Office in the Birth Register or such other evidence that may be available. The Hon'ble Member may be aware that there are certain rules for guidance in this matter embodied in our Manual of General Circulars and Standing Orders and we have also taken note of that. The matter is not free from difficulty. For example, one age is given in the Middle School, another age in the High School and yet another in the College and yet again another age when entering into the service. The whole thing becomes rather difficult. If you want to rely on the academic age given, academic ages given may differ one from the other. The date given at what age of the career is more reliable will have to be taken into consideration. So, many of these cases are being examined keeping all these factors in mind. Since a large number of these cases are still under examination the Government want to lay down certain principles on which the whole thing has to be determined, and it would not be therefore advisable to disclose the information at this stage. It may be that two or three cases came up for

consideration. But along with other considerations this question may have to be taken up. So, on a case of mere discrepancy of the age no decision is taken.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Since how long this matter is pending with the Government.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—That is not a matter which could be disposed of in a month or two. It is a very important matter affecting the morale of the services. This is a very important aspect from so many other standpoints. We do not want to do anything in a hurry. A matter which was left pending for decades, we have taken up with a view to seeing that right age is fixed. So, we are not in a hurry to do it; we will take our own time. We shall try to ascertain all available information. We want to do justice to every officer. I do not want to promise this House that a speedy decision will be taken in this matter, because speedy decision may affect adversely many.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—If what the Hon'ble Chief Minister says is to be taken, by the time the Government take any decision some of the officers may retire and they may escape any punishment if they are proposed to be punished?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—We are keeping that in mind and we will dispose of all such border cases.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister bear in mind that discrepancy in age will not be the consideration either to remove or reinstate an officer?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member is making a suggestion. That is not the only basis on which they are going to take action.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—If the Hon'ble Speaker permits, I might as well say that if there is a serious discrepancy in age ascertained after going into all the materials and if action has got to be taken on that basis, perhaps we have to take action; if serious discrepancy

in age is proved by all available evidence, if there are any cases like that, the Government may be obliged to take action.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that the age given during student career might have been given by the parents or somebody else or by the teacher himself?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Quite so.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA (Kolar—Muslim).—Will the Government state whether all people in service who have given wrong ages, will be treated uniformly in the matter of award of punishment?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Hon'ble Members need have no doubts in the matter.

Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug cum Tumkur—Muslim).—How many officers have been retired on the ground of difference in age?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already given the answer in a different manner to the question put in a different way by Sri Siddappa.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—How many officers have been retired during the last two years merely on the ground of having given incorrect age?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already answered that question. The Hon'ble Member did not hear my reply probably. For the enlightenment of the Hon'ble Member who was not present or who did not listen to what I was saying, I might say that three or four cases may be deemed to have come under this category and I said that the decision even in those cases was not taken solely on the basis of discrepancy in age but on other factors that came into the picture; and even among the three or four cases, one is again under reconsideration.

Reasons for the resignation of Sri T. Siddalingaiah, Ex-Minister.

***Q.—21. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reason for the resignation of the Hon'ble Minister for Education and Public Health, Sri T. Siddalingaiah, as detailed in his letter of resignation;

(b) whether it is a fact that he has levelled about more than 60 charges of omission and commission against the present Ministers in the administration of the various Departments in their charge; if so, what are the allegations?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—

(a) It is not for Government to disclose the reasons.

(b) It is not a fact.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—I have no supplementaries.

Reasons for the resignation of Sri T. Siddalingaiah, former Minister for Education and Public Health.

***Q.—46. Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug cum Tumkur—Muslim).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is not a fact that Sri T. Siddalingaiah, former Minister for Education and Public Health, resigned from the Ministry;

(b) whether Sri T. Siddalingaiah has given any reasons for resigning, and if so, what they are;

(c) whether a copy of his letter written to the Chief Minister will be placed on the table?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—

(a) It is a fact that he has resigned from the Ministry.

(b) It is not for Government to disclose the reasons,

(c) No.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not the duty of the Hon'ble Chief Minister